



March 17, 2014

**VIA EMAIL**

The Honorable Deborah A.P. Hersman  
Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board  
490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20594

**Re: Asiana Flight 214 Accident Investigation**

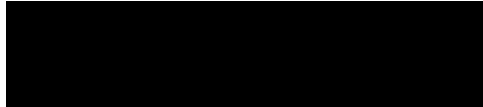
Dear Chairman Hersman:

Thank you for your leadership on the important investigation of Asiana flight 214. The Korean Aviation and Railway Accident Investigation Board wishes to express its full concurrence with the analysis, conclusions, and recommendations contained in the submission made today by Asiana Airlines to the National Transportation Safety Board. Please note that this letter is not intended to be Accredited Representative's comments and recommendations to the Agency per ICAO Annex 13, which we plan to submit separately to the Agency in due course.

In our view, Asiana's submission is thorough, even-handed, and firmly grounded in the factual record. Asiana offers a detailed description of its comprehensive flight crew training regime, and it acknowledges, where appropriate, the areas in which the accident pilots fell short of expected standards of performance. Importantly, the submission identifies several important factors that directly contributed to the accident, including inconsistencies and inadequacies in the aircraft's automation logic and alerting system. Asiana also outlines additional safety steps it has already taken to ensure that such an accident never happens again.

On behalf of the KARAIB, I would like to express our deep appreciation for your personal commitment to a complete and thorough examination of the causes and contributing factors that led to this accident. I understand that you recently announced your intention to retire from the NTSB in the coming weeks. KARAIB has appreciated your leadership and dedication to the cause of transportation safety, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



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